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DIFFRACTION STRUCTURE

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

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Sir :

In response to the Final Official Action dated December 20, 2006, setting a shortened three-month statutory period for response to expire on March 20, 2007, and having been extended by one month to expire on April 20, 2007, by the accompanying request for extension of time, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the present amendments, and reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and objections in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.